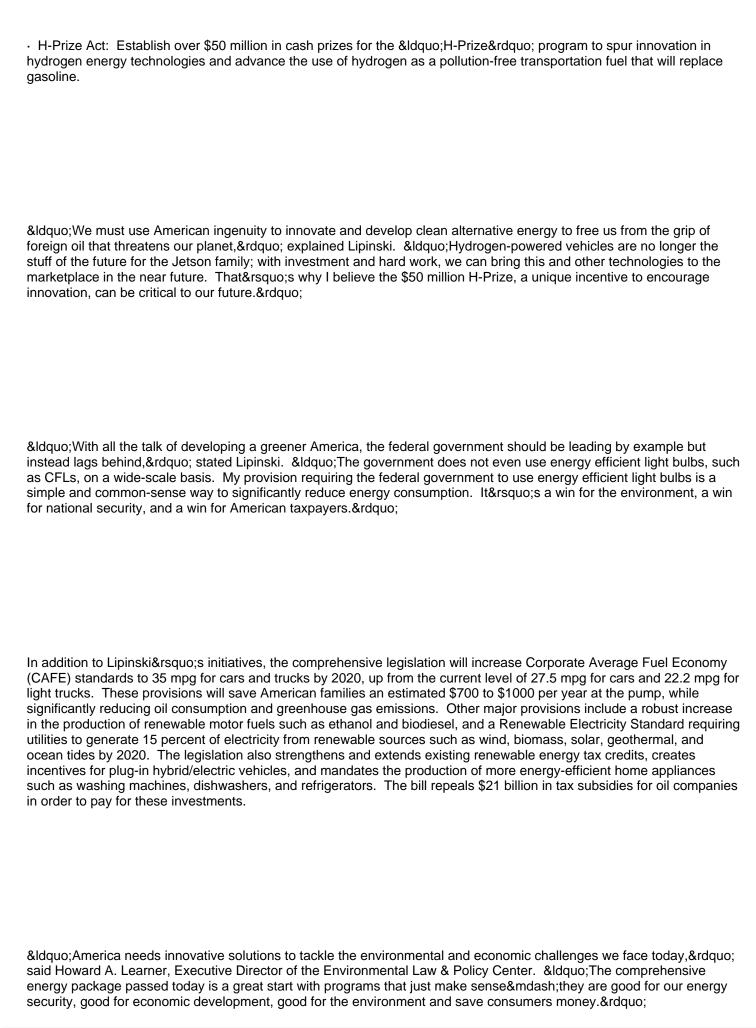
## (December 6, 2007) Historic Energy Bill – Including Lipinski Initiatives – Passes House

Historic Energy Bill – Including Lipinski Initiatives – Passes House Landmark Bill Repeals Big Oil Tax Breaks, Cuts Foreign Oil Addiction, Reduces Global Warming [WASHINGTON, DC] Today, Representative Dan Lipinski helped pass the Energy Independence and Security Act, a sweeping energy plan that will revolutionize our nations' energy economy, help free us from our dependence on foreign oil, create millions of new jobs, reduce the threat of climate change, and roll back tax breaks for Big Oil corporations in order to invest in clean, alternative energies. " This is a landmark bill, making the most sweeping changes to our policy on energy and the environment in at least a generation, " said Lipinski. " I am pleased to have played a key role in authoring important provisions of this bill, and to have worked with my colleagues to achieve this victory for the pocketbooks of middle-class Americans, the security of our country, and the health of the environment." Rep. Lipinski, Vice Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee and a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, authored two key provisions included in the legislation: the H-Prize Act and the BRIGHT Energy Savings Act. These provisions will help advance the goals of cutting America's foreign oil dependence and reducing global warming through the development of new clean energy sources and a reduction in energy consumption; in addition, tens of millions of taxpayer dollars will be saved by reducing the energy consumption of the federal government. · BRIGHT Energy Savings Act: Requires the federal government – the nation's largest energy consumer – to use high efficiency light bulbs in 1,800 civilian office buildings; this change will significantly reduce energy consumption – about 75% savings for each of more than 3 million bulbs – saving tens of millions of taxpayer dollars; and

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"The Energy Independence and Security Act is a victory for all Americans," said Lipinski. "With
record-high gas prices this year in the Chicago region and elsewhere in this country along with America's
dependence on foreign oil from the Middle East and elsewhere, I strongly believe that this legislation is simply the right
thing to do for American working families. And it will make a difference. By repealing unfair tax breaks for Big Oil
corporations, by investing in clean, renewable energies, by boosting car and truck fuel efficiency standards to 35 mpg, by
requiring utilities to generate 15 percent of electricity from renewable energy, we can reduce our dependence on foreign
oil and put America on a path toward energy independence."

&Idquo; The energy bill before Congress is profoundly important, " said Rebecca Stanfield, State Director of Environment Illinois. &Idquo; It will help us fight global warming, while saving consumers money on their energy bills, creating jobs, and reducing our dependence on oil imports. It' s long past time to put these measures on the President' s desk. Environment Illinois applauds Congressman Lipinski and all of the Illinois legislators who were persistent and dedicated advocates for these clean energy solutions. "

The Senate is expected to begin consideration of the bill soon.